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Mr. Harry Fitzwater
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Dear Harry:

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciate the efforts the CIA has made in being responsive to community concerns about the CIA expansion and the related traffic impacts on the surrounding roadways. I understand that the Traffic Advisory Committee has selected two alternatives to be studied and further developed by the consultant in the next phase of this project's development. I am pleased with the progress being made, but would like to recommend a related action which I believe could help to relieve congestion on Route 123.

As you know, there are serious congestion problems on the Capital Beltway heading northbound between Route 193 and the George Washington Memorial Parkway. While much of the northbound traffic on I-495 is heading for the Cabin John Bridge, some traffic is going to the CIA entrance off the Parkway. This traffic is only on the Beltway for several hundred feet, but gets caught up in the congestion and is consequently discouraged from using the Parkway and instead chooses Route 123, adding further to that congestion.

The planned expansion of the CIA will likely exacerbate this problem. Therefore, I recommend that consideration be given to adding an exclusive lane on the Beltway between Route 193 and the George Washington Memorial Parkway for Parkway-bound traffic.

I would appreciate your consideration of this measure which I believe would be a positive step in improving traffic flow to the CIA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Frank R. Wolf
Member of Congress

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